

Appl. No. 10/718,161  
RCE filed: July 31, 2006  
Amendment after allowance

### REMARKS

Prior to the 02 August 2006 due date for paying the issue fee in this case, Applicants submit this amendment to the specification.

### Amendments to the Specification

The foregoing amendment to the specification corrects the year of filing of provisional patent application ser. no. 60/054,590 from "1998" to "1997". This application is a continuation application of patent application 09/049,066, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,686,918. The '918 patent claimed priority (at least through its inventors' declaration) to the '590 provisional application.

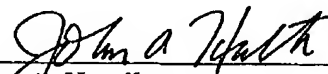
### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

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